ALABAMA BAPTIST HISTORICAL SOCIETY

MINUTES

OF THE

FIFTY-SIXTH ANNUAL SESSION

OF THE

North River Baptist Association,

HELD WITH

Day's Gap Baptist Church Walker Co.,

September 27, 28, 29 and 30, 1890.

The next Session will be held with Liberty Grove Church, Walker Co., Ala., commencing on Saturday before the Fourth Sunday in September, 1891.

OFFICERS:

ELD. L. M. BRADLEY . . . . . MODRATOR, Jasper, Ala.
J. S. WATTS . . . . . CLERK, Day's Gap. "

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MINUTES.

The fifty-sixth annual session of the North River Baptist Association convened with the Day's Gap church, Walker county, Ala., on Saturday, September 27th, A. D. 1890.

At 11 o'clock A. M. the introductory sermon was preached by Eld. L. B. Harbin. Text: "Son, go work to-day in my vineyard."—Matthew 21:28.

After preaching a recess was given until 2 o'clock P. M.

AFTERNOON SESSION.

At 2 o'clock P. M. the delegates reassembled. Our former moderator being absent, Eld. L. M. Bradley was elected Moderator, pro tem, and after devotional services, was called to order.

The Constitution, Articles of Faith, and Rules of Decorum were read by S. Lacy.

The roll of the churches was then called and letters from the various churches were presented. Brethren John H. Pool and R. H. Smith were appointed to read the letters.

LIST OF CHURCHES AND DELEGATES.

Absentees marked thus*

Mt Carmel—J. T. Morris and J. A. Sumner.

New Prospect—J. P. Mooney, S. B. Cox, *James Snoddy and *S. G. Sherer.

Mt. Olive—M. D. L. Sanders.

Jasper—J. F. Appling, G. D. O'Rear, W. T. Walton, S. Lacy, *J. M. Williams, Elds. L. M. Bradley and Wm. Randolph.

Liberty Grove—*A. A. Sides, *J. M. Sides, and *W. V. Keeton.

Samaria—D. J. Files, W. J, Copeland, R. H. Smith and J. S. Gabbert.

Union Grove No. 1—*J. M. Thacker, *J. W. Wallis and *W. M. Garrison.

Berry Station—J. F. McDuff, Dr. A. K. Newton and *C. R. Pittman.

Day's Gap—J. H. Pool, *L. P. Craig T. J. Creel, P. E. Hallbrook, M. L. Jones.

Salem—*J. W. Randolph, C. C. Stocks and *James Shepherd.

Mt. Joy—*W. B. Earnest, Z. J. Amerson, L. H. Baker, R. A. Baker, W. P. Amerson and J. C. Kimbrell.

New Hope—J. W. Bagwell, *E. H. Bagwell and J. M. Lollar.

New River—*J. I. McCollum, *A. W. Killingsworth, *J. W. Wakefield and J. L. Barnard.

Macedonia—*C. C. Kelly, *L. C. Kelly, *G. G. Bagwell, *G. S. Gilder, *J. W. Kelly and *W. J. Dozier.

Bethabara—J. D. Pittman, C. O. Pittman and N. H. Harbin.

Friendship—*E. H. Tuggle and *J. T. Odom.

Hepsibah—*W. P. Smith, *J. B. Sides, *W. J. Sides and *J. H. Smith.

Bethel—O. G.Kilgore, *W. J. Jones and *J. W. Upton.

Oregonia—W. R. Utley, R. L. Utley and *G. W. Simpson.

Lebanon—A. Kilgore, J. T. Jones, *W. W. Earnest, *W. N. Aldradge, Burrell Earnest.

Bethlehem—*G. P. Nuckols, W. M. McDuff, *D. A. Kemp and E. T. Whitson.

Mt. Zion—Wm. Patton, *N. Thacker, *A. A. Patton and *John Patton.

Pleasant Field—*J. L. Leonard, *B. F. Sides and *J. T. Grace.
Pleasant Grove, F. C.—W. C. C. Brown, Thos. Sparks and W. E. L. Myers.
Providence—Eld. J. R. Sartain, Isaac Brown, *C. H. Day, B. F. Clements, J. S. Watts and R. F. Sumner.
Pleasant Grove, W. C.—Eld. W. T. Rutledge, W. H. McLean, W. F. Sides, *J. E. Grace, W. L. Sides, Jas. Rutledge, J. J. Steadman, and *B. F. Thomas.
Zion—*J. M. Buzbee, *J. W. Sanford, W. S. Chappell, Eld. L. B. Harbin.

The Association was permanently organized by the election of Eld. L. M. Bradley, Moderator; J. S. Watts, Clerk, and G. D. O'Rear, Corresponding Secretary. On motion the regular order of business was suspended for the purpose of appointing a Devotional Committee, consisting of the pastor and deacons of Day's Gap Church, D. J. Files and G. D. O'Rear. Then called for petitionary letters from newly constituted or dismissed churches, and brethren *W. A. Nelson, S. S. Brown and S. M. Nelson from Sardis church, came forward bearing a letter and was received; also brethren *P. S. Burton, *M. J. Lumpkin and *M. T. Hutto with letters from Gamble Mine church and were received.

Then invited visiting ministers, not delegates, to seats.

Received correspondence, to-wit:

From Mud Creek Association—D. Morris.

Returned correspondence, to-wit:

Tuscaloosa Association—J. F. Appling, J. F. McDuff, W. T. Walton.
Mud Creek—E. H. Tuggle, J. L. Sanders and D. W. Burton.
Canaan—R. H. Smith, Elds. John H. Pool and Wm. Randolph.
New River—C. C. Stocks, H. G. Amerson, Elds. Jno. H. Pool, Z. J. Amerson.
Clear Creek—J. E. Barnard, L. M. Bradley and J. P. Mooney.

REGULAR ORDER OF BUSINESS.

1. Devotional Exercises.
2. Read Constitution, Articles of Faith and Rules of Decorum.
3. Presentation of Letters from the Churches.
4. Election of Officers.
5. Called for Petitionary Letters.
6. Invite visiting members to seats.
7. Received Correspondence.
8. Return Correspondence.
9. Appointment of Special Committees (1) On religious excercises: (2) On documents (3) On nominations, (4) On finance, (5) On prayer and prayer meetings
10. Called for report of District Meetings.
11. Called for report of standing committees: (1) On Sunday Schools, (2) On temperance, (3) on State missions, (4) On home missions, (5) on foreign missions, (6) on education, (7) on aged and infirm ministers.
12. Report of Treasurer.
13. Appointment of Treasurer.
14. Called for Report of Special Committees: (1.) On documents, (2) on nominations, (3) on finance, (4) on prayer and prayer-meetings.
15. Called for Report of Executive Committee.
16. Appointment of Standing Committees.
17. Miscellaneous business.
18. Read minutes, call roll and adjourn.

The moderator appointed the following committees:

On Documents—S. Lacy, J. F. McDuff, L. B. Harbin.
On Nominations—J. F. Appling, Jno. H. Pool and W. T. Rutledge.
On Finance—J. T. Morris, Z. J. Amerson, R. F. Sumner.
On Prayer and Prayer Meetings— Elds. J. R. Sartain, Wm. Randolph and J. P. Mooney.

Report of Committee on Religious Exercises—Jas. T. Jones to preach at Mt. Zion; A. Kilgore at Coal Valley; L. M. Bradley at the Baptist and W. T. Rutledge at the Methodist church to-night.

J. R. SARTAIN, Chairman.

On motion the Association adjourned to meet Monday morning at 8 o'clock.

SUNDAY.

At 10 o'clock A. M. Sunday-School mass-meeting conducted by Eld. Jno. H. Pool. Lectures by Eld. Z. J. Amerson, Jno. F. Proctor and others.

The committee on Religious Excercises report further, that J. E. Barnard preach at the Baptist church, L. M. Bradley at the Methodist church at 11 o'clock A. M., J. R. Sartain at 2:30 o'clock P. M. At 7 o'clock P. M., A. Kilgore and L. B. Harbin at the Baptist church; J. R. Sartain and W. T. Rutledge at Coal Valley; Z. J. Amerson and J. A. Sumner at Marietta.

J. R. Sartain, Chairman.

At 11 o'clock a. m. preaching at the Baptist church by Eld. J. E. Barnard, and at the Methodist church by Eld. L. M. Bradley with large and attentive congregation at both places, after which a public collection was taken for missions.

LIST OF PERSONS CONTRIBUTING.

W. B. Appling	paid $ 5 00		R A Baker	paid $ 1 00	
G. D. O'Rear	" 5 00		J S Watts	" 1 00	
J. F. Appling	" 5 00		L B Harbin	" 1 00	
J. F. McDuff	" 2 50		H G Amerson	" 1 00	
J. E. Barnard	" 5 00		D J Files	" 1 00	
Wm Randolph	" 5 00		Wm McDuff	" 1 00	
J P Mooney	" 2 50		A Kilgore	" 1 00	
W T Walton	" 2 50		Miss S K Waters	" 1 00	
R H Smith	" 2 50		Mrs Sallie Masterson	" 25	
Thos Key	" 1 00		Mrs Joe Day	" 25	
Amount collected					$44 50
A hat collection was also taken up amounting to					$20 00
Total amount collected for missions on Sunday					$64 50

MONDAY.

MORNING SESSION.

At 8 o'clock a m. the Association met pursuant to adjournment and after singing and prayer by Eld. L. B. Harbin, was called to order for transaction of business.

In the absence of former committee on education the following-named brethren were appointed to prepare a report, to-wit: R. H. Smith, M. D., L. Sanders, W. P. Amerson.

Called for report of district meetings.

FIRST DISTRICT.

The next meeting of the First District to be held with Zion church, Walker county, Alabama, commencing on Friday before the first Sunday in September, A D 1891. Eld L H Baker to preach the Introductory Sermon: Eld Z J Amerson, alternate; Eld J T Jones to preach Sunday at 11 o'clock; Eld J I McCollum, alternate.

QUESTIONS FOR DISCUSSION.

1. Is it christian giving on the part of the mother or child, for the husband or father to give for the whole family? Opened by Eld J I McCollum.
2. Should a Baptist church fellowship a member that opposes missions? Opened by Eld A Kilgore.
3. What is a Scriptural Church? Opened by Eld J R Sartain.

L. B. HARBIN, Moderator.

J. S. Watts, Clerk.

SECOND DISTRICT.

The next meeting of the Second District will be held with New Prospect church, on Friday before the Second Sabbath in September, 1891. Eld. Wm Randolph to preach the Introductory Sermon; Eld. S A Smith, alternate; Eld L M Bradley at 11 o'clock on Sunday; Eld W P Smith, alternate.

QUESTIONS FOR DISCUSSION.

1. Should a Church hold in fellowship, a member that opposes missions? Opened by Eld Wm Randolph.
2. Is a preacher really a pastor who preaches Saturday and Sunday once a month and goes home or about his business till the next monthly meeting? Opened by W B Appling.
3. Should the christian world recognize a man as an ordained minister, who does not preach? Opened by bro. J M Williams.

Located the next session of the North River Baptist Association to be held with Liberty Grove church, Walker county, Alabama.

W. P. SMITH, Moderator.

J M. SIDES, Clerk.

On motion, the regular order of business was suspended to hear the Report on Temperance, and after discussion by S. Lacy and others, was adopted:

REPORT ON TEMPERANCE.

Your Committee on Temperance beg leave to report, That while the cause of Temperance has not, and perhaps will never accomplish all that we could wish, and while prohibition laws have not prohibited in many instances as they should yet when we contrast the present condition of our country with the past

we can but see that great good has been accomplished, and is still being accomplished by our prohibition and local option laws. We hear some say, and members of the church too, that they favor a repeal of our prohibition laws because they are violated. With the same propriety they might say they oppose the law against murder, because men continue to commit murder. The question for us is not whether the prohibition laws are violated, but whether or not our peaceful and prosperous country would be better with a grog shop in every town and village and at every cross roads where the whisky seller saw fit to hang out his alluring sign, to tempt the poor wreck who has fallen a victim to strong drink and who is fighting with herculean strength to repel the temptation. We need not dwell upon ravages, wastes, crimes, devastated homes, blighted lives, crowded prisons, etc., caused by intemperance. That is admitted by all good and thoughtful men. The question which confronts us is how best to promote the interest of Temperance. We think the best way to accomplish this is hold to all the prohibition we have and extend it where it is not, and do all in our power as parents, as teachers, as preachers, as churches and as citizens, by moral suasion and education to teach the rising generation to shun strong drink as they would a deadly foe. Let us fight the monster in every conceivable way, and prove our sincerity by a total abstinence ourselves.

Respectfully submitted, Sheriff Lacy, Chairman.

Called for report on Sunday Schools, Report read and after discussion by Eld. John H, Pool and others was adopted.

REPORT ON SUNDAY SCHOOLS.

We, your Committee on Sunday Schools, report as follows: We believe that the Sunday school interest is on the rising ground in our bounds. There may not be any more Sunday schools in number, but those that are at work are doing great and lasting good and are instrumental in bringing our young people to Christ. We have several largely attended and good working Sunday schools in our bounds, but not able to give exact number. Although our Sunday school convention has about gone down, but we hope it will be renewed. Let this good work spread all over our bounds. We recommend the Kind Words Series as a good Sunday school literature, and we recommend that it be bought through J. B. Collier, Secretary of the Book Depository, Opelika, Ala.

John H. Pool, Chairman.

On motion, Eld, G. E. Brewer of Opelika, was received as representative of the American Baptist Publication Society,

Then on motion, the reports on State, Home and Foreign Missions were all read and adopted, after being discussed altogether by Eld. L. B. Harbin and others

REPORT ON STATE MISSIONS.

We, your Committee on State Missions respectfully report. We feel thankful to God that we have been so wonderfully blessed, the past year; we have had a missionary employed who has traveled and preached to the destitute in our bounds, and there is much yet to be done in this grand and glorious work that now lies out before us. We recommend that our Executive Committee select and employ a suitable man to travel and preach the Gospel to the destitute in our bounds, and that the Association raise money sufficient to pay said missionary for his services. H. G. Amerson, Chairman.

Resolved, That the above report be amended by recommending a co-opera

tion with the State Mission Board of Alabama, as we feel much benefitted by so doing in the past year. Offered by Jno. H. Pool.

REPORT ON HOME MISSIONS.

We your committee on Home Missions beg leave to report that we can not arrive at any correct amount of Home Mission funds that have been collected this associational year, from the fact that some of our churches have sent up their collections to the State Mission Board, and some have their collections on hand and ready to turn over to the committee and we do not know the amount in the hands of the treasurer. And yet we are deeply impressed with the fact that we are doing little to bring our people to the Lord. The native white people of our own land should have the first place in our affections and interest To their evangelization should be directed the earnest effort of every lover of our country. While our prayers should go out in sincere desire for the salvation of millions of heathen who know not God, and while we labor to bring to light and truth the people of other lands, we must not loose sight of our own fields. Here we are face to face with thousands of our own native people who know not God, and thousands of foreigners from other nations who must be evangelized by us as Christian people or remain in sin and wickedness.

Respectfully submitted, J. F. McDuff, Chairman.

REPORT ON FOREIGN MISSIONS.

We, your Committee on Foreign Missions, respectfully submit the following report: Foreign Missions are the only means by which the world can be christianized. All other missions are subordinate and only lead up to the Foreign Mission spirit. The heathen are as lost as ever. The Bible plainly teaches that all mankind have their origin from Adam, and on account of his transgression all are lost. Christ himself has said. "I am the Way, the Truth and the Life; no man cometh to the Father, but by me." "This is the only name under heaven given among men, whereby we must be saved." These scriptures, so plain, clear and decisive, seem to settle this question forever. It is not a matter of speculation or philosophy, but of revelation exclusively, and there cannot be two opinions as to what the Bible teaches on this point. The latest report give the following statistics, viz: Of the 1,500,000,000 people in the world, one-third are nominally christians. Of China's 300,000,000, there are 75,000 in Christian communities. Of India's 250,000,000, about 700,000; of Japan's 35,000,000 about 15,000; of Siam's 8,000,000, about 3,000; of Tartary's 20,000,000, about 100,000; of Persia's 7,500,000, about 5,000; of Africa's 200,000,000, about 600,000; American Mission field add 700,000, and the Isles of the Sea 400,000 more identified with Christian institutions, and so we have a grand total of 2,600,000, who in the whole mission field are either converted, or adherents of Christian churches. We have in the field 40,000 teachers and ordained ministers, dividing the number of heathen by the number of laborers, we find that there are 30,000 heathen to every laborer. These men see that the work is too great for them and they are calling for help. "Shall we, whose souls are lighted with wisdom from on high—shall we to men benighted, the lamp of life deny?" The Foreign Mission Board has done a grand work in sending the Gospel to those benighted lands, but it cannot work without money. The above startling facts should bring the subject of missions to our own homes and firesides, and enjoin upon us with solemn emphasis, that in proportion as we value the blessings of the Gospel, in the same proportion are we under the most obligations to send it to other countries. We most earnestly urge our ministers to teach the churches in their care their duty in regard to Foreign Missions, and each church of this Association to con-

tribute something for Foreign Missions at the next session of the North River Association.

Z. J. Amerson, Chairman.

On motion adjourned to meet at 1:30 o'clock, p. m.

AFTERNOON SESSION.

At 1:30 o'clock, p m. met pursuant to adjourment, and after singing and prayer by Eld, G. E. Brewer, was called to order,

On motion the regular order was suspended to hear a resolution: read and adopted.

RESOLUTION.

In order to continue and promote the good of missions that are being carried on in our Association, State, home and abroad, we ask that the following resolutions be passed and carried out, to-wit:

1. Resolved, That we undertake to raise for missionary purposes the coming year $400.00, the amount suggested to us by the State Mission Board, to be divided, as follows: State Missions, $200.00; Home Missions $100.00; Foreign Missions, $100.00.

2. Resolved, That this shall in no sense be regarded as a tax, but a request that the churches try to raise these amounts.

3. Resolved, That a committee of five be appointed to apportion the amount out to the churches and their report be printed in the minutes. Offered by G. D. O'Rear.

In accordance to the above resolution, the Moderator proceeded to appoint a committee to apportion to the churches the amount requested by the State Board for our Association to raise, to-wit: G. D. O'Rear, J. F. McDuff, R. A. Baker, J. P. Mooney and M. J. Lumkin; W. T. Rutledge and D. J. Files were added,

On motion, suspended regular order of business for the purpose of hearing report from Jno. H. Pool, Missionary for this Association. Said report was read and adopted.

REPORT OF JNO. H. POOL, MISSIONARY OF NORTH RIVER ASSOCIATION, RENDERED SEPTEMBER 29TH, 1890.

Commenced work January 26th, 1890. No. of days worked 210; No. of sermons, addresses, prayer-meetings and Sunday school lectures 204; No. of miles traveled 1751; Churches organized 2; Baptized 3; Baptized in connection with my work 4; Received by letter 20; Sunday schools organized 4; Prayer-meetings organized 3; Prayer-meetings held 25; Churches visited 41; Families visited 593; Books sold 408; Pages tracts distributed 4,048; Received from W. B. Crumpton. Secretary State Mission Board, $49.15; Received from churches and individuals $130.45; Received from J. F. Appling, Chairman Executive Committee $16.00. Total 195.60.

On motion, suspended the regular order of business to hear report on Religious Literature. Report read and after being discussed by G. E

Brewers and others, was adopted.

REPORT ON RELIGIOUS LITERATURE.

We, your Committee on Religious Literature, report as follows: We recommend the Kind Word Series as a Sunday school literature, and we recommend that our brethren of our Association, in buying any religious books, buy them from our book depository at Opelika, Ala., from J. B. Collier, We recommend as religious newspapers, the Alabama Baptist printed at Montgomery, Ala., Hare & Pope, proprietors, and the Home Field, printed at Atlanta, Ga., and the Foreign Mission Journal, printed at Richmond, Va., and the State Mission Quarterly, printed at Marion, Ala. These four papers will cost $2.25 for one year. Brother, can't you pay this amount, for four good religious newspapers? You know that your only excuse is, I am not able to pay so much. We answer this excuse and say that a member of the Baptist Church that is not willing to pay this amount for four good religious newspapers for one year has not got much interest in religious literature, and we hereby urge upon all our people the great importance of placing religious literature in their families. We also recommend the American Baptist Publishing Society, and we state that they publish a good Sunday School Literature. JNO. H. POOL.

On motion adjourned till 8 o'clock Tuesday morning.

TUESDAY.

MORNING SESSION.

At 8 o'clock a. m. met pursuant to adjournment. and after singing Rock of Ages and prayer by Z. J. Amerson, was called to order. Then on motion the regular order was suspended for the purpose of hearing the Report on Documents. Report was read and after being discussed by L. B Harbin, G. E, Brewer and others was adopted.

REPORT ON DOCUMENTS.

We, your Committee on Documents, report that we find from Macedonia church, a paper in memory of our beloved Brother, the late Dr. James L. Gilder deceased, which we recommend be inserted in the minutes of this Association.

We also find three queries from Mt. Joy church, which we think proper to consider.

1. In answer to the first question, it is the opinion of your committee, that no member should be excluded from a church for drunkenness, or any other offense, without a fair and impartial trial, but from the best information obtained. Bethabara church is justifiable for its action in the case referred to in said query.

2. We think the annexed letters are in sufficiently good form, and a church would do right to receive members on such letters.

3. We think it good discipline to exclude a person at his or her own request who is guilty of a public offense, without preferring a charge against him or her

Respectfully submitted, SHERIFF LACY, Chairman.

Called for report on education. Report read and after being discussed

by R. H. Smith and others, was adopted.

REPORT ON EDUCATION.

We, your Committee on Education, recognizing the fact that Education is one of the greatest agencies that Christians have for the elevation and improvement of the human family. Therefore, it behooves us a great Christian Family, to avail ourselves of the present opportunities, WHICH ARE great to educate. We recommend that as far as possible, every church have good schools established in the vicinity in which they are located. The future of Alabama, absolutely demand an ONWARD and UPWARD movement in this direction. By raising the standard of education in this State and making it of increased interest to the people, we will be the better able to educate our own children and the orphans of our country and place it in easy reach of our entire family, to obtain an english education. We not only recommend Howard College as an institution of learning, but an institution that belongs to and should be upheld and fostered by the Baptists of Alabama. However, we congratulate the Baptists on the rapid progress they have made in their educational interest. We recommend to our brethren that they send their sons to Howard College for the purpose of fitting them for the battle of life. But we must say that there is one lamentable fact that some of our denomination don't patronize our denominational schools, as we think they should. We must be united on the Schools and Colleges controlled by the Baptist if they be a grand success, for in unity there is strength. We also recommend the Judson FemaleInstitute for the education and accomplishment of our daughters.

Respectfully Submitted, R. H. SMITH, Chairman.

REPORT ON INDIGENT AND INFIRM MINISTERS.

We, your Committee on Indigent and Infirm Ministers ask leave to report the following: That we have in our midst, our well-beloved brother, L. B. Harbin, who has worn himself out in the service of the Lord, in the bounds of the North River Association. And we feel that it is the duty of the Association to provide ample means for his support. We recommend that the fund sent for Associational purposes, be applied to his relief, after Associational expenses are paid. Also that we take a collection immediately for his benefit, and continue the same as long as he is permitted to breathe.

Respectfully submitted, W. H. McLane, Chairman.

After which a collection was taken for Eld L. B. Harbin amounting to $26.30.

Called for the following reports:

TREASURER'S REPORT.

Brought over from last year	$ 16 00
Received from Finance Committee	89 90
" from collection on Sunday for missions	88 23
" for Foreign Missions	17 50
" for L. B. Harbin	19 15
Total receipts	$230.78

CREDITS.

Paid to W. B. Crumpton, Corresponding Secretary State Mission Board for Foreign Missions	$ 43 05
For Home Missions	24 35
For State Missions	63 58
For Bible and Colportage work	5 45
For Infirm Ministers	2 40
Paid to L. B. Harbin	33 15
" for printing minutes	25 00
" Express on minutes	2 45
" Postage on minutes	1 35
Clerk's fee	15 00
Paid to Executive Committee	16 00
Total disbursements	$231.78

Respectfully submitted, J. S. Watts, Treasurer.

On motion it was ordered that the Clerk take out of the Associational fund, one dollar, balance due him for last year.

The Moderator appointed J. S. Watts, Treasurer.

REPORT OF NOMINATIONS.

We, your Committee on Nominations report as follows: To preach the Introductory Sermon at our next Association, Z. J. Amerson, J. R. Sartain, alternate. To preach Sunday at 11 o'clock, L. M. Bradley, L. B. Harbin, alt.

The following-named brethren are nominated to go the Baptist State Convention: J. F. McDuff, G. D. O'Rear, E. T. Whitson, Elds. J. E. Barnard, J. I. McCollum, Jno. H. Pool, Z. J. Amerson, L. M. Bradley, W. T. Rutledge and J. R. Sartain. Also nominated Eld. L. B. Harbin to go to the Southern Baptist Convention, Eld. L. M. Bradley, alternate.

Respectfully submitted. J. F. Appling, Chairman.

REPORT ON FINANCE.

We, your Committee respectfully submit the following report:

We have received for minutes	$ 34 20
Associational fund	17 85
Foreign Missions	18 03
[$2.00 of which was paid by sister R. Files.]	
State Missions	126 60
Home "	11 55
Missions	53 65
Ministerial Education	11 00
Indigent Ministers	11 05
Total amount	$283.93
Credit on Foreign Missions	$ 11 68
" " State "	104 85
" " Home "	11 55
" " Missions	12 85
" " Ministerial Education	10 00
" " Indigent ministers	3 25

Total amount of credits..... $154.18

Amount of cash on hand..... $129 75

Jno. T. Morris, Chairman.

REPORT ON PRAYER AND PRAYER MEETINGS.

We, your Committee on Prayer and Prayer Meetings beg leave to report, That we recommend that each church meet as often as possible in a prayer-meeting capacity, inasmuch as God has promised to answer the prayers of his faithful children. We believe it to be the duty of each christian to meet oft in prayer for each other, and for the world also, and to inquire of God their duty and endeavor to do the same.

Respectfully submitted, J. R. Sartain, Chairman.

The following committees were then appointed for the ensuing year:

On Sunday Schools—J. F. Appling, W. T. Rutledge and J. P. Mooney.
On Temperance—Wm. Randolph, J. A. Sumner and W. L. Sides.
On State Missions—J. S. Watts, J. M. Williams and D. J. Files.
On Home Missions—S. Lacy, R. A. Baker and Wm. Patton.
On Foreign Missions—J. E. Barnard, L. B. Harbin and W. T. Walton.
On Education—W. B. Appling, Jno. H. Pool and A. Kilgore.
On Aged and Infirm Ministers—J. F. McDuff, J. T. Morris and H. G. Amerson.
On Religious Literature—R. H. Smith, W. H. Moore and J. R. Sartain.

Called for report on Vocal Music. Report read and adopted.

We, your Committee on Vocal Music, report that so far as our knowledge extends, our people are beginning to wake up to this important work. The science of Vocal Music in our bounds has been greatly increased since our last Association. Brethren, as Vocal Music is of so much importance in our Churches and in the worship of God, let us still press forward and take deeper interest in the science of Vocal Music, that we may be able to teach the young and rising generation in this great work, and pray God that they may fill their station in this great work better in their day than we have done in ours.

H. G. Amerson, Chairman.

Proceeded to appoint standing committees:

On Prayer and Prayer Meeting—Z. J. Amerson, N. H. Harbin and J. T. Jones.
On Vocal Music—R. A. Baker, W. T. Walton, J. S. Gabbert, H. G. Amerson and G. E. Covin.

On motion, a committee of one from each church was appointed to take a collection in their respective churches at some time during the year for L. B. Harbin and forward the same to chairman of committee, to-wit; Wm. Randolph, W. L. Sides, J. T. Grace, Sam Key, James Patton, C. O. Pittman, Wm. McDuff, J. E Kilgore, David Utley, J. W. Killingsworth, C. C. Kelly, R. A. Baker, J. T. Jones, J. W. Bagwell, T. C. Omery, Jno. H. Pool, J. W. Wallis, J. F. McDuff, D. H. Clifton, J. P. Mooney, J. M. Sides, J. B. Sides, E. H. Tuggle, J. T. Busbee, N. Highsaw, C. C. Stocks, J. L. Sanders, J. T. Morris, J. T. Burton, S. S. Brown, and J. S. Watts.

Called for miscellaneous business.

The following resolutions were read and adopted.

Resolved, That a committee be appointed to get up a printed form for church letters to Association and supply every church with the same.

Resolved, That we meet in a Singing Convention with Pleasant Grove Church, Walker County, on Friday before the first Sunday in July 1891 Every body invited to come. Offered by R. A. Baker.

Resolved, That we recommend that our ministers should observe the 5th Sunday meetings during the next year, and that the preachers of the North River Association should not put out appointments for fifth Sundays and attend the regular fifth Sunday meetings. The next fifth Sunday meeting will be held at Cordova, with Mt. Carmel church. Offered by Jno. H. Pool.

Proceeded to appoint committee to get up printed form of church letter to Association, to-wit: R. H, Smith, S. Lacy and W. T. Walton.

On motion it was ordered that the Treasurer pay out of Associational fund $2.50 for printing blank church letters to Association.

REPORT OF COMMITTEE ON APPORTIONMENT.

The following amounts are requested to the churches for the coming year for Missionary purposes. We request the pastors and members of the churches to try to raise these amounts by beginning at once to do the same:

Mt. Carmel	$ 10 00	New River	$ 10 00
New Prospect	10 00	Macedonia	20 00
Mt. Olive	5 00	Bethabara	10 00
Jasper	75 00	Friendship	5 00
Liberty Grove	10 00	Hepsibah	5 00
Samaria	25 00	Bethel	7 00
Union Grove No. 1	5 00	Oregonia	15 00
Berry Station	15 00	Lebanon	10 00
Day's Gap	15 00	Bethlehem	13 00
Salem	5 00	Mt. Zion	10 00
Mt. Joy	15 00	Pleasant Field	8 00
New Hope	10 00	Pleasant Grove, F. C.	7 00
Providence	20 00	Sardis	5 00
Pleasant Grove, W. C.	25 00	Gamble Mines	15 00
Zion	10 00	Union Grove No 2	5 00
Total			$400.00

G. D. O'Rear, Chairman.

REPORT OF EXECUTIVE COMMITTEE.

We, your Executive Committee beg leave to report, That soon after our appointment and soon after the adjournment of the North River Association of 1889, we opened up correspondence with a number of brethren looking to the selection of some one available and capable to work and preach in the destitute portions of the Association, and after receiving communications from Elds. J. W. Rogers, Jno. Pool and G. S. Donghlery, we called a meeting of the committee on the 6th of January, 1890, and after discussing the subject thoroughly and prayerfully, Eld. Jno. H. Pool was unanimously recommended to the State

Board as a suitable and fit person for such work, and we contracted with Eld. Jno. H. Pool for the sum of $33\frac{1}{3}$ per month for actual services rendered for the space of three months. And the State Board indorsed our recommendation and contract and authorized us to put Eld Jno. H. Pool in the field, which we did, and said board agreed to pay one half of the contract price provided the Association could not.

We further report that in making the contract with Eld. John H. Pool, we relied to a great extent on the report of the committee on apportionment made at the North River Association of 1889. And after the expiration of the first three months, we called a meeting of the committtee and it was unanimously agreed to recommend to the State Board that Eld. John H. Pool be continued in the field as a Missionary, until the meeting of the Association at the price of $45.00 per month, for actual services, they paying one-half of the agreed price and the State Board endorsed our recommendation, and authorized Eld. Jno. H. Pool to be continued in the field, which we accordingly did.

Amount due for first three month work	$ 100 00
Amount due for four months work	180 00
Total amount due	$280 00
The amounts received from different sources as per Eld Jno. H. Pool reports	$ 130 45
Sept. 28. Received of J. S. Watts, Treasurer	16 00
" " " " " " " "	79 55
Hat collection	4 85
Total receipts	$230.85
Paid Eld. John H. Pool amount collected at different times	$ 130 45
Sept 28 " " " " "	16 00
" by State Board	49 15
" 30 " by executive Committee	79 55
" " " by hat collection	4 85
Total amount paid	$280 00

Respectfully submitted, J. F. Appling, Chairman.

The moderator appointed Executive committee to-wit: J, F. Appling G. D. O'Rear, D. J. Files, J. P. Mooney and W. T. Rutledge.

Then a hat collection was taken to finish paying Jno. H. Pool, amounting to $4.85.

Called for the corresponding letters to sister Associations: letters read and adopted.

The following resolutions were read and adopt d.

Resolved, That this Associ ation cease to use the appellation Rev. in reference to our ministers, and that the Bible term Elder be used in lieu thereof.
J. R. Sartain.

Resolved, That the Clerk have one thousand minutes printed and that he have fifteen dollars for his services. R. H. Smith.

Resolved, That we tender our thanks to our Methodist brethren for the use of their church building during the sitting of the North River Association in Day's Gap. R. H. Smith.

Resolved, That this body tender its thanks to the Moderator and Clerk for their high official and business management over it during this session. Offered by Z. J. Amerson.

On motion it was ordered that the Clerk have the minutes printed at the HEADLIGHT office at Jasper, provided he could do as well there as elsewhere.

RESOLVED, That we tender our heartfelt thanks to Day's Gap Church and the citizen's of Day's Gap and community for their hospitalities in entertaing this Association so kindly during this session. R. H. SMITH.

On motion, the minute was read, roll called and absentees marked.

After singing "Sweet Bye ane Bye," and prayer by L. B. Harbin, the Association adjourned to meet with Liberty Grove Church, on Saturday before the fourth Sunday in September, A. D., 1891.

L. M. BRADLEY, MODERATOR.

J. S. WATTS, CLERK.

LIST OF ORDAINED MINISTERS AND THEIR P. O.

1.	L. B. Harbin, Jug,	Ala	13.	H. A. Key, Jim Hill,	Ala
2.	J. R. Sartain, Day's Gap,	"	14.	J. W. Snow, " "	"
3.	W. P. Smith, Saragossa,	"	15.	M. D. L. Sanders, Horse Creek	"
4.	A. A. Smith, Carbon Hill,	"	16.	Leroy Williams, Boldo,	"
5.	S. A. Smith, Jasper,	"	17.	J. T. Buzbee, Jug,	"
6.	L. M. Bradley. "	"	18.	E. H. Tuggle, Quinton,	"
7.	A. Killgore, Patton,	"	19.	J. L. Sanders, Horse Creek,	"
8.	J. E. Barnard, Eldridge,	"	20.	J. I. McCollum, Dublin,	"
9.	John H. Pool, Day's Gap.	"	21.	Z. J. Amerson, Toledo,	"
10.	Wm. Randolph, Jasper,	"	22.	W. B. Earnest, Patton	"
11.	Ansley Brown, Jasper,	"	23.	L. H. Baker, Toledo,	"
12.	W. T. Rutledge, Loss Creek,	"	24.	J. T. Jones, "	"

LICENSED MINISTERS.

1.	E. L. Whitson, Horse Creek.	Ala	4.	C. R. Pittman. Berry Station,	"
	J. A. Sumner, Cordova,	"	5.	Issac Hamilton, Spencer.	
3.	Thos. Sillman, New River.	"	6.	W. K. Lyons, Eldridge,	

TRIBUTE OF RESPECT.

We, the Baptist church of Christ at Macedonia, Eldridge Ala., ask space in your minutes for a tribute of respect to our beloved brother, Dr. James L. Gilder. He has some time since passed over the River, but the remembrance of his loving life still remain and ever will be fresh on our minds. He was born in Georgia, July 12th, 1829. His father, Seunot Gilder, and mother Francis Gilder, moved to Chambers county, Ala., during his early boyhood. At the age of sixteen he embraced faith in Christ and joined the Baptist church at Sardis. In the early part of his life he attended the Medical College at New Orleans, afterwards at Atlanta, Ga. He married Miss Mary A. Suttle, Sept. 20th, 1855. He moved to Walker County, Alabama, December 20th, 1865. Since then, we have always found him in the path of duty, as a citizen and as a brother. He was a devoted father, a pious christian, and was ever ready to do his Master's will. "pointing sinners to the Lamb of God that taketh away the sin of the world." We cannot help but recall to memory his last hours; how calmly, how fearlessly he faced death, as a soldier of the Cross, placing his all with God.

He was the pastor of our church until the Lord called him from his labors. He died April 28, 1890, aged 60 years, nine months and 16 days. We miss him as a kind neighbor, we miss him in our Sabbath school, our prayer meetings and most of all as our pastor. We express our heartfelt sympathy for the bereaved family, and invoke the blessings of God to rest upon them in their desolation. May they emulate his holy life, and by the mercies of God meet him on the sunby banks of sweet deliverance. Amen.

JAMES W. TIPPER,
W. J. DOZIER,
L. C. KELLY,
Committee.

STATISTICS OF NORTH RIVER ASSOCIATION, 1890.

CHURCHES & COUNTY.	PASTOR.	CLERK AND POST OFFICE.	Rec. by Baptism	Rec. by Letter	Restored.	Dism'sed by Let'r	Excluded.	Died	Total	Sunday Meeting	Minute Fun d.	Associat'nal Fund	State Missions	Home Missions	Foreign Missions	Pastor's Salary	Sunday Schools	Prayer Meetings	Indige't Minister	Ministerial Education	Missions
FIRST DISTRICT.																					
Bethabara, Fayette	A. Kilgore	B. L. Stewart, Berry Sta	12			5	1		21		1 25		3 30	3 30	3 40	40 00	1			1 00	
Bethlehem, Tuscal'sa	J. W. Rogers	J. W. Popwell,							59	1	1 50	50					1		2 25		18 00
Bethel, Walker	J. T Jones	Jas. Wilcut, Jr., Marietta		1	1	7	3	1	37	3	1 00								50		
Berry Sta., Fayette	J. W. Rogers		2	15			2	1	33	3	1 25		3 50				1		1 45		
Day's Gap, Walker	I. E. Barnard	J. M. Beaver, Days' Gap		4		2	4	1	59	1	1 50	1 50	10 00			70 00		1			
Lebanon, "	A. Kilgore	J. L. Jones, Patton's Mines	1	2				1	59	1	1 00	1 00									
Mt. Zion, "	Wm. Patton	N. Thacker, Patton Mines				1	1	1	33	2	1 00					16 30	1	1	3 00		
Mt. Joy, Fayette	" "	H. G. Amerson, Toledo	11		2	1	1		58	3	1 25					50 00	1	1	3 25		10 00
Macedonia, Walker	J. I. McCollum	G. G. Bagwell, Eldridge	11	3				1	86		1 50	60					1	1			
New River, Fayette	" " "	J. D. Sherer, Doublin	2			6		1	43	1	1 00	50									7 00
New Hope, Tuscalosa	A. Kilgore	A. B. Clements, Oregonia							75	4	1 50	50									6 16
Oregonia, "	" "	W. R. Utley, Oregonia	6	2	12				35		1 00								4 00		
Pleasant Grove, W. C.	J. R. Sartain	W. F. Sides, Days Gap		2		4	2	1	190	2	2 00	1 20	6 75				1	1			
Providence, Walker	" " "	Wm. Watts, Days Gap	1	4		2	1		109	3	2 00	1 00									
Pleasant Field, "	H. A. Key	J. T. Grace, Days Gap							32	2	1 00	50	5 00					1			
Pleasant Grove, F. C.	J. I. McCollum	W. E. T Wyers, Spencer	12	2		3		1	51	3	1 00	50			4 35						
Sardis, Walker	Wm. Patton	S. M. Nelson, Townley	2	2					13	1	50										
Union	Not rep																				
Union Grove no 1 F. C.	Wm. Patton	G. W. Baker, Corona	6	1		1	1		18	1	60				50				60		
Zion, Walker	H. A. Key	A. N. Waldrop, Jug		1			1	1	62		1 20	65									2 50
SECOND DISTRICT.																					
Friendship, Walker	T. P. Vandiver	J. T. Odom, Quinton	7		1	13	1	1	12	4	25	50									5 00
Hepsibah "	W. P Smith	J. H. Smith, South Lowdell				1			44	2	75	25	7 50								
Gamble Mines "	" "	J. H. Burton, Gamble Mines	4						21		1 00		75	97	1155	5 85		1			
Jasper "	L. M. Bradley	S. Lacey, Jasper	16	20	1	4			100	1234	2 00	3 00	2 85		1168	500 00	1	1		1000	
Liberty Grove "	C. C. Collins	J. M. Sides, Luckey	3	3	1				35	3	75					61 85					
Mt. Olive "	J. L. Sanders	J. L. Berton, Horse Creek	4	2	1	5		2	23		60		15 10								
Mt. Carmel "	J. E. Watson	J. R. Summer, Cordova	19	11	1	1	2		66	1	1 60	1 60				18 00					
New Prospect "	W. P. Smith.	M. M. Sherer, Jasper	3	4	1	4	4	2	96	1	1 40	50				30 00					
Pleasant Spring "	Not represent'd																				
Salem "	J. R. Sartain	J. W. Randolph, Jasper	7		1				31	4	75	30	18 96								
Samaria "	C. C. Collins	J. W. Garner, Jasper	6					1	90	4	2 00	3 30				100 00					
Union Grove no 2 "	Not represent'd					8															
Totals				74	22	70	27	16	1563		34 10	17 90	148 93	1485	1993	891 35	8	7	1505	1100	38 66